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AND PROGRAM FOR CAUSING COMPUTER TO EXECUTE
THE DATA PROCESSING METHOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior
to examination thereof, in the following manner.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, insert, --This application is a Continuation-in-
Part and claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/467,231 filed December 20, 1999,
the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by
reference in their entirety.--

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